

HOW DID THE INFIDEL SLIP IN?

The appointment by President Roosevelt of Eugene Ware, of Kansas, as Pension Commissioner, is a matter of some little Infidels.

The President must have known of Ware's infidelity, as time and again he has been knocked out of office in Kansas on account of it.

"The 'Washerwoman's Song' cost Mr. Ware the nomination for Congress, when a nomination was equivalent to an election. Had he been nominated and elected there is scarcely a doubt that he would have been selected to succeed Senator Plumb, or nominated by the caucus that made Lucius Baker a United States Senator.

Thirteen years ago Mr. Ware was a candidate for the Congressional nomination against "Farmer" E. H. Funston. He had enough delegates to nominate him, but when the convention opened, a large delegation arrived in charge of a preacher named McDermott. The members of this delegation were his friends, and could have nominated him, but the preacher—and that was the preacher's day in Kansas Republican politics—hypnotized them to follow him in the convention.

Shortly before the convention met Mr. Ware heard that the Rev. Mr. McDermott was unfriendly to him, and he immediately went to his room to inquire the reason why.

"You know why," said the preacher. "The why of it is that you have written too much infidel poetry."

The preacher then called his attention to the offensive lines in "The Washerwoman's Song," which had slipped into the lyrics of the washerwoman of Europe. Those are getting too infernally arrogant for a republican and they will have to be set down before long. The country is bound to turn to another party.

Ware, the present called down General Funston for making addresses on the conditions in the Philippines. He specially requested Funston for a speech to be delivered at the Senate.

The Senator referred to was Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts. Now if that isn't after the style and manner of Farmer William, what would you call it?

General Funston is a military man, I suppose, and a necessary one, I believe, that a subordinate officer will not publicly criticize his superior officer.

But it is a new world, and a General in the army does not criticize a United States Senator who is not a military officer.

Getting more and more like Enron all the time. Who is a United States Senator that is unwilling to be saved from free speech? Why is only

Ware left?

In regard to what I heard,

As sang about her friend

Who would keep her to the end.

Not in sorrow nor in glee

Working all day long was she,

As her children, three or four,

Played at home on the floor;

But in sorrow, not the song,

She was humming all day long;

"With a Savior for a friend,

He will keep me to the end."

Just a trifling nonsense she,

Just as poor as can be;

But she sang always,

Like the foolish clothes,

Though wretched and alone,

Cheered her with the monotone,

Of a Savior and a friend,

Who will keep her to the end.

Humble man's love,

With the hand in human needs,

And I should not wish to strip

From that washerwoman's lip

Any song that she can sing,

Any hope that she can bring,

For the woman has a friend,

Who will keep her to the end.

The above poem cannot fail to interest readers of the Blade. But it is of still more interest why Roosevelt made this appointment. Since Ware's name has been sent to the Senate for confirmation his scepticism has been well aired in the daily press.

Roosevelt must have known it when making the selection and now that the question arises, was it a fit bit of diplomacy or not?

He want to placate the Infidels of the country for his lying, malicious attack on Phine.

He has had hundreds of letters and printed articles fired at him expressing contempt of his unmanly, ungrateful attack on Phine.

If he hadn't been for Tom Paine it is very probable there would never have been a United States of America for him to represent as President. Paine had more brains in his minute than Roosevelt has in his head. If he lives to be one hundred years old, he did more for this nation and humanity than Roosevelt would be capable of doing if he lived a thousand years.

Therefore the little, low, vile attack

he made on Paine is unpardonable unless he comes out openly acknowledging his mistake as he openly published.

I expect that the apologist of Ware's narrow, malicious attack on Paine, will say that he did not write at the expense of the Liberal, but he did not write at such cheap bait. Let him come out like a man of moral courage and admit his mistake if he doesn't "writ" with the support of a foolish fanatical crowd, then every Liberal in the country should keep this matter alive and fight him to the death.

He is not fit to represent this country and stand in the proud place of President when he has traduced, maligned and misrepresented the man who made his offer possible.

There's not a Senator or member of Congress so great and bold but his place may be as easily filled by thousands of others, better fitted between the hammer and the anvil, in the spirit of factories, and the chances are that they would be filled far more honestly.

The Senate and House of Representatives are not half as great and important as many of our Senators and other representatives. We hear much talk of "the government in Washington." The people are the government. There is only an administration at Washington, composed of representatives of the government, and the administration has damned bad lots of them are.

For pride, importance, knavery and anti-intellectualism—these are the traits of the washerwoman of Europe. Those are getting too infernally arrogant for a republican and they will have to be set down before long. The country is bound to turn to another party.

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One of our demands is that church property should be taxed, yet, strange to say, some time ago the promoters of the Liberal Union at Silverton, Oregon, sought to have their property tax-free from taxation by the Legislature of that state, and I was much horrified by them for protesting against their action.

About seventeen years ago some Liberates in the state of Missouri concluded in the state of Missouri, albeit, nobody had ever heard of a Methodist, a Baptist, or a Presbyterian town. It was to be a town without a church. A site was agreed upon, lots laid off and sold upon condition that they could not be used for church purposes; a plot was set apart on which to build a college and the town was named, "Liberal." All went well for a while; the movement was widely advertised; Liberals flocked in from all over the country, and erected in the college grounds a fine

series of trumpery, ill-constructed buildings, the Liberal university a paper was started, named The Liberator, and so there was no end to talk about the Liberal town of Liberal.

I was then publishing The Independent Pulpit, the files of which will show that I questioned the propriety of such a movement, just as I am now questioning that of this Cincinnati movement, and time was not long in justifying my contention. I ventured to administer Liberal proved to be a veritable Mecca for wild, loose, noisy cranks, and the town became notorious for its wantonness and debauchery.

If a Senator were not to be criticised neither should a Justice of the Peace, nor elector of the people. They are all servants alike—that is, if we are willing to let them be.

There is an original idea there with an original idea as to how the town should be conducted and he was unwilling that it should be conducted according to any other. Of course that sort of stubbornness could not long continue without creating dissension. Quarrels broke out, and once started, they grew into feuds; everybody got mad; many moved away; the paper went down; the university was turned into a church, and I don't think there has been a Liberal society there in ten years.

Now comes the last came, and the President and Cabinet and great Generals of the war stood on a platform in Washington watching the great results of a revolution. These men approached Sherman with extended hand, but Sherman drew aside and haughtily said: "I am not used to being addressed in that way."

Here was a General of the army refusing to take the hand of its head, the President of the United States, and not talk back even to the President, who is where he is; instead of addressing him as General.

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THAT CINCINNATI CONVENTION

(From the "Searchlight")

Owing to circumstances I do not control this is the first opportunity I have had for writing regarding the Liberal convention that was held at Cincinnati during the month of January, and that resolved itself into a political organization, in the National Liberal Party.

There is probably not a prentice in the United States where the Liberals, as a political party could elect a constable, while on the other hand, Christians, were they to organize, could elect many officers and, as between a Christian and a Liberal party, they could fill every office from constable up to president. Therefore I had been hoping until Christianity should go into politics Liberals would remain out.

I will probably be told that the Nine Demands of Liberalism are political, which is true, but they do not comprise all that Liberalism stands for. In addition to the Nine Demands, we are confronted with Christian political party it will be hard to resolve ourselves into a Liberal political party.

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The paragraph beginning with the words, "The Liberator" is mine. The above sounds like a mugwump Christian and Editor Shaw is as thorough in his report as I am as competent to judge of its merits and demerits as Editor Shaw is. I am a thousand times as competent to judge of it as he is, and I regulate the editorials of Editor Shaw. He has made himself a fool.

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nor any of the offices comprising the executive board. I do not suppose our editors and publishers will lose any sleep over this discrimination against them, though it must have been a severe blow to them. I was not expecting that it would be left for the Liberals, first of all people, to organize in their own interest. But it is.

Behind the Bars 31498," or Dr. J. H. Green's "Physician in the House, as a Premium For Every Five New Subscribers at 50 Cents Each.

BUT THEY MUST BE NEW ONES.

I have started out to raise 100,000 readers for the Blue Grass Blade, in 3 years from the time the first issue turns a wheel in the Blade office, and these 25,000 should be in one year from that time that that it can be done.

Of course Mr. Hughes and I appreciate that this can only be done at the minimum margin of profit. One of the plans to do this is by giving premiums. The premiums that we offer are my personal-written book, "Behind the Bars; 31498," and "A Physician in the House," by Dr. J. H. Green, of Chicago, who, I think, is, or was, a Professor in the University of Illinois.

For every 5 new subscribers—and they must be really new ones—at 50 cents each, I will give either one of the above books that will be selected by the party getting 5 new subscribers, and he shall have 5 of these books for each 5 that he gets.

The copies of "Behind the Bars; 31498" that will be given will be all nearly the same with gift title, and a fine picture of Editor Shaw.

The price of "Dr. Green's "Physician in the House" is \$2.75.

Dr. Green is a friend of the Blade and his office seems to indicate that he is a rich man. Mr. Hughes has lately visited Dr. Green's office and says he is "away up in G."

Dr. Green has promised to supply us as many of this book as we want at a price of 50 cents each. As the Blade is intended to take the place of a physician, to a great extent, in instructing persons about the symptoms of disease and their treatments.

The book has 1,000 pages, and we is so heavy in that all case where we can is to send it (prepaid in all instances) by express.

For each 5 sent at 50 cents each, either one of these books will be sent that may be chosen by the party sending the subscribers.

HEATHEN EDITOR

Offers to Entertain Booker T. Washington at "Quakersare."

ALL ABOUT DOG FENNEL

"Quakersare" May 15 E. M. 302. Editor Lexington LEADERS—While not so well fixed to entertain Hon. Booker T. Washington, who is to be in Lexington June 6, as many more famous speakers, he is a good speaker, and I would be exceedingly proud to do so during some part of his stay here, and hereunto add the announcement that he will have an indeed grand entertainment.

If Editor Shaw wants a chance to make his appearance in the front page of the "Quakersare," I will be happy to do so, but I would be extremely proud to do so during some part of his stay here, and hereunto add the announcement that he will have an indeed grand entertainment.

I would care not to entertain the German Prince whom our mobocracy would want to do so, but I regard Booker T. Washington as a good speaker and grandest of living characters—much greater than his namesake, George Washington, the famous one, who could tell us his life and the life of his daughter, who died young, and the chips in his hand and the chips on his breeches, and so, literally, had the dead dead.

I do not believe that Booker T. Washington is the kind of a man to be entertained with jack rabbits and race horses, and the regular program of entertainment which I have in mind, while the menu of "Quakersare" might not be so "comely il faut" as that of some of the multi-millionaires that run that paper, but I could entertain him by telling him of the strange rookery of "Dog Fenell," my recitation of which to him would be a great treat to him, and I would be happy to do so during some part of his stay here, and hereunto add the announcement that he will have an indeed grand entertainment.

Please forward a copy of this to Hon. Washington. It will also appear in my own paper.

I am, sir, yours truly, CHARLES C. MOORE.

WILSON'S LECTURES.

The two lectures by Dr. Wilson, which are now entitled "Wilson's Lectures," in the Christian Humorist, "and the normal desire of the human mind," and "Imperialistic Ecclesiastic and Economic Tyranny," are now in the market. The former is attended by the fact that all extra editions of Blades in which they are published have been snapped up in one week, and then, of course, will have to be reprinted.

These are great many newspapers, however, that publish Wilson's Lectures, and the moral question involved in these lectures should be put into the hands of every one. You can all afford to have sympathy for her.

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Los Angeles, Calif.—Enclosed \$1 to invest in that linotype machine.—**CHARLES NEVENER.**

Kara, Ga.—Enclosed \$1 for your warm baby. "Behind the Bars, 31,498." Would like to see you and shake your old paw and pull your whiskers, if you ever come down into the backwoods of Georgia. You and I agree in spiritual view, except that I am a minister and you do not. When I was a kid a negro boy and I performed a miracle that made him as great a sky-pilot as ever we were, and his sons and daughters believe it was a miracle to this day. Will write you about it for the Blade of these days.—W. A. CARTER.

Hopkinton, Iowa—Enclosed \$1 for dues to following names. Mr. Aaron Jackson and I were great about having a religion, but we got into a muddle, Iowa, and we asked him his opinion about religion. He said: "I'm so idiotic that I often think if there are more sense to it I would die sooner." I thought it might be good enough print.—S. P. THOMAS.

Thompson, Iowa—Enclosed \$1.50 to my sub for the Blade another year and the 50 cents for the linotype. I am 7 years old and have to work for a living else I would give more.—WILLIAM F. ALVERT.

Lindale, Ohio—Enclosed \$1 recently to the Blade. I am 10 years old and am a member of the Freethought Club and the acquisitions of the Blade I don't know how I managed to miss it so long. I have long been an occasional reader of the Freethought Magazine, The Investigator, Truth Seeker, Secular Thought and others.—C. E. PATTERSON.

Eastabrook, Minn.—I send \$1—50 cts for Blade and 50 cts for linotype. I see in the Blade that you say that there was a time in France, when the people left off the heads of 12,000 priests and reached a dead end. This is in a few words.—O. D. OVERHouser.

Answer—in the latter part of the 18th century began the French Revolution. 300 years, the priests and royalty had been combined to commit all kinds of outrages. They had been the most cruel, other things, it was the rule when a couple were married the man had to spend the first night with her. The people rose against the priests and priests also spent three years killing them, and they killed 12,000 of them.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Enclosed final copy. I hope the world is treating you kindly.—W. H. CALDWELL.

Agawam, Ga.—Over in Agawam, Ill., they had an election in which license and no license question was the issue. The election being a tie the election was made by casting lots, and the losing side got to pay the bill. From this it appears that "God" is in favor of sky, or else the devil manages the affairs of this world and "God" is a back burner.—H. W. MURRAY.

Answer—In the Old and New Testaments—resounding the cause of a means of finding out the will of God, and even one of the apostles was sent by casting lots (Acts 1:26). The old Bible is for little children, and the new is for the grown up. In Hebrew, is that they did not decide whisky without seeing away their eyes? Jesus Christ made liquor drink it and taught his disciples to drink it, and was called, by his neighbors, a drunkard. He was a drunkard, was probably, many a time, "polygamy," and at constant Christians ought to get drunk, and no Infidel could ever taste liquor or tobacco.

Athens, Ga.—I do not stop the Blade in the following names *** * I expect to renew the whole club that I join a year ago. I will be in with a short time so let her come up. She is dead.—J. B. CLACK.

New Sharon, Ia.—Send ten cents the Virgin Mary. Your paper on me was a good one.—M. UREK.

Canton, Ohio—Enclosed \$1 for the type. Wish I could give \$10—Income small.—NOAH COLE.

Burlington, Md.—Enclosed 50 cents for de for six months, and then I will stop. I like your paper very much, a kind friend has been supplying with copies, and I will stop when he stops. I hope that you and Mac will burn the hatchet and both open your weapons to find the common enemy of our sacred cause.—JOHN LARKE.

Richville, Ohio—Excuse me for neglect, but here is the money. I hope you may find you well and happy, this joyful spring morning, when all say—my God—is putting on her robes soon and leaves.—ESTHER A. VAN NIS, M. D.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Enclosed found another eighty dollars, and the rest of the nice sum I have in hand. I love with Hitler after reading my letter that was read by Dr. Wilson at the Cincinnati Congress. Inadvertently he dropped a word in the presence of Mrs. Wetmore, who has a patient in her family, and she said—Gleichenhauer is a Freethinker.

I immediately sent him a copy of the blade and he said "That is the kind of a person I would like to subscribe for," today he sends the \$10 as a donation that he is giving to you. Tomorrow is my 70th birthday, but I feel that I am nearer 80, not having been well for a week. Regards to O. C. M. from Mrs. Wetmore and S. W. WETMORE.

White Hall, Wis.—Enclosed you would find \$10 on my subscription for the linotype. Hope you will get the machine at work again. Trust Charlie

feels better now as he is sure of the linotype.—B. F. WING.

Minn.—I wrote you to call on me when you wanted that \$2 for the linotype. I am in Dubuque, Iowa, and you might write while we are away and get no answer, so I send you \$2 in a post office order right off, before we leave. I hope you will be successful in getting the linotype. It will be such a pleasure to so many.—J. W.

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SWEET WILLIAMS

Cincinnati, May 18, '92.

Charles C. Moore:

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find check for \$1.00 to help that linotype and the 5000 Blademen.

Have mailed you a copy of "Wonder of Wonders." Sold 1,500,000 when it was less than half the size—have started in under a new name.

Respectfully,

T. J. WYSCHARSKI.

COMMENT.—The book like the writing of Epicurus instructs us about good man, yrs, and how to have good health and happiness. But it does not tell us about marriage and dress and diet, and is especially valuable as I compare with the writings of ancient philosophers and say, in that the matters discussed all pertain to society and citizenship as well as to personal happiness.

I am 90 years old and I am younger than you are. I write this without using my specks. Upward of 50 years ago my brother was a student at the University of St. Louis and Monduran was at the helm. In 1848 my father was a subscriber to The Correspondent, published by George Houston, New York. When Bennett started his little newspaper, I sent him the first copy. I sent him 50 cents, and was a constant sub up to that time. Eugene Macdonald did so bad.

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SENDS A FOR THE LINOTYPE.

Ogdensburg, April 26, '92.

Dear Brother Moore:

I received the Blade this a.m., and just read it through. "The Mount of Olives" took me clear of my haze, and your answer to "A Christian" is about as good as any I have read.

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Answer—The Blade will go right straight along to you, Brother, just like you paid \$1.00, and if you never pay a cent for it, it will be just that much treasure laid up in heaven.

ANSWER.—AMOS L. GRIFFITH.

P. S.—Since writing the above some

days ago has set fire to the woods,

the wind is blowing toward my place,

and it looks like I am bound to lose more fencing.

G.

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Darcelle Wright came to St. Louis to lecture three lectures.

They tried to get the theater for her to lecture in, but its owners would not grant her a room.

She gave a lecture at a theater ten days ago, and the house was thronged with comers and goers all the time.

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